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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 7281

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS

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1. I AM BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT GUATEMALA WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND ACCESS TO FMS CASH SALES WHEN THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WILL ENTAIL FURTHER HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, THERE HAS BEEN SOME AMBIGUITY AND EVEN INCONSISTENCY IN GOG'S BEHAVIOR SINCE IT FIRST REJECTED U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE. IN ITS NOTE OF MARCH 11, GOG STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT..."THE GOG DECLINES IN ADVANCE ANY AID OR SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT IS CONDITIONED ON JUDGEMENTS THAT ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE ON MATTERS EXCLUSIVELY OF (GUATEMALA'S) INTERNAL COMPETENCE." NEVERTHELESS, IT HAS CONTINUED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FMS CASH SALES AND PURCHASE OF MILITARY TRAINING, EVEN THOUGH MIDDLE LEVEL GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS ARE CLEAR THAT THIS IS FORM OF ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL REQUIRE CORRESPONDING HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT.

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2. IN ANY CASE, INTRODUCTION OF REQUIREMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WILL ELEVATE THE PROBLEM CONFRONTING GOG INTO MAJOR DILEMMA, WITH IMPLICATIONS REACHING INTO NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AND WE WOULD NOT WISH TO GUESS NOW HOW GOG WILL RESOLVE THIS DILEMMA. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, ON THE ONE HAND, THAT LAUGERUD'S ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO ALTER THE CHARACTER OF

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ITS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. TO THE DRASTIC DEGREE THAT A REJECTION OF OUR ECONOMIC AID WOULD SUGGEST. NOR WILL IT WISH, ON THE OTHER HAND, TO RETREAT FROM THE CLEARLY STATED POSITION OF PRINCIPLE THAT IT TOOK -- AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL -- WHEN IT REACTED ORIGINALLY TO THE TYING OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO MILITARY AID. IT WILL NOT BE EASY, WHEN THE STAKES ARE RAISED AS THEY ARE BY OUR NEW ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, FOR PRESIDENT LAUGERUD TO SAY THAT HE DIDN'T REALLY MEAN IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

3. WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW GOG REACTS TO LATEST CHANGE IN OUR LAWS. AID DIRECTOR HAS ASKED TO SEE MINISTER OF FINANCE THIS WEEK TO APPRISE HIM OF NEW REQUIREMENT ON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA NEXT WEEK WHEN I HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH HIM TO INTRODUCE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON. I WILL TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT MOLINA IS UNDER NO ILLUSION ABOUT THE FACT THAT FMS CASH SALES, AS WELL AS CONCESSIONARY ELEMENTS OF OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WILL INVOKE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING.
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